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RELIEF RUSHED TO STRICKEN SAMOA ON THE LINER SONOMA

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Relief for the stricken natives of Manua, the Samoan island devastated by hurricane last week, was sent forward today. Eighty tons of foodstuffs were loaded on the Oceanic steamer Sonoma, which sailed today for Honolulu and Sydney. The Sonoma probably will unload its relief cargo at Pago Pago, from where it will be transhipped to Manua.
Captain J. M. Poyer, the new governor of American Samoa, also is on the Sonoma. He probably will direct the administration of relief in person.
Honolulu passengers on the Sonoma are William Johnson, the Pacific Coast tennis champion, and Henry Beck, captain of the University of California tennis team, who are going to take part in the tennis tournament in connection with the Mid-Pacific Carnival in Honolulu.

UNFOLDS PLANS FOR PLAYHOUSE FOR CHILDREN

Theater Where Performances
Will Be Entirely for Young-
sters, Aim of Mrs. Day

At a luncheon at the University Club yesterday, Mrs. Francis R. Day told a reporter for the Star-Bulletin her plans for the formation of a "Children's Players Company" for Honolulu, an organization modeled after the plan of the children's theater established in several cities on the mainland.

One of the principles of the scheme is the uplift of the children, to train them morally and to give them an idea of independence; democracy would, perhaps, better describe it, for there is to be nothing savoring of charity. As Mrs. Day expressed it, "Democracy will stand at the portal waving charity aside with one hand and with the other opening the door to opportunity. Knocking will not be necessary."

Mrs. Day is enthusiastic over the prospects and she has confidence in her ability to carry to success her ideas. It is not a fad with her. One could decide that after a few minutes' conversation on the subject, but an object in which she has put years of study and in which her first efforts have been most gratifying to her and her friends.

"In Boston as well as in many other cities, the toy theater has been made a success. Why cannot it be accomplished here in Honolulu?" Studied Plan Three Years.

For three years Mrs. Day was a resident of New York, devoting her time to investigating plans which had been carried out to perfection by Miss Hert, and to the study of stagecraft; how to put on plays that will take. She is a playwright as well as a producer. "The Chimes," a little playlet staged by the children of Palama Settlement at Christmas time being her maiden effort and a successful one. It was an attempt to bring the children before the public for the purpose of judging their ability to contribute toward the success of her undertakings.

"Once started it is my plan to give one play a month during the school recesses and no group of children will participate in more than one play. Groups of children will be taken from Palama, Manoa, Kaimuki, Punahou, Kakaako, Moiliili and other sections where available talent may be found. But to be eligible to play for the people of Honolulu each child will have to work for the theater and once it has worked it will become a life member of the Children's Players company. There will be one play a month and two performances of it. The first will be company night, when invited guests will be there to pass upon the production, and the second will be for the benefit of the organization. At this an admission fee will be charged.

To Be Self-Supporting.
"Charity, you must remember, will have no place in the consideration of promoters or participants. The theater will be run on a business basis and if it does not succeed it fails. I want to put on good plays, so the people will want to patronize them because they want to, not because they feel they have to help the thing along. The proceeds from the second night will go always toward expenses."

Mrs. Isaac M. Cox, a local educator,

will assist in the undertaking and Mrs. Day will leave in April for New York for the purpose of looking further into plans being carried out there. She will bring back with her a number of new plays and then will begin the real work. In her opinion there is no reason why theater should not be a success.

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REPUBLICANS OF SENATE DISCOVER AN 'INSURGENT'

Robinson of Maui Declines to
Join Caucus and Rumors
Are Busy

MAJORITY FAVORS GOING
AHEAD WITHOUT MAUI MAN

Chillingworth Strongly Backed
For President—House Cau-
cus Harmonious

Republican senators called into caucus yesterday afternoon found an "insurgent" in the camp and one who up to a late hour today had declined to join the majority in mapping out their legislative program and deciding upon the officers and employees of the upper house.

Senator W. T. Robinson of Maui is the solon who declined to attend yesterday's caucus. His refusal and the absence of others, among them Chas. A. Rice of Kauai, resulted in the caucus being postponed until noon today.

Meanwhile the Republicans of the lower house met, got harmoniously to work, selected officers and employees and talked over the bills to be introduced on behalf of the party.

Robinson gratified his friends by sending word to the caucus that he is not going to desert permanently or anything like that and his action is taken "goodnaturedly" all around, so that no marring of old-fashioned Republican harmony is expected.

Senator Robinson's refusal to join the caucus is said to be based on the fact that he wants support for a taxation measure he intends to introduce and will not pledge his vote as a senator for president and other offices until assured that he will get support for this measure. Just what the tax bill is has not been divulged, so its chances are not known, but one senator said yesterday that he thought the bill was aimed at island plantations.

Another reason for Robinson's attitude is said to be that he wants "Tim" Lyons of Maui for assistant clerk of the senate. There are several candidates for this job and it was predicted that Robinson's aloofness was not likely to help his candidate very much.

Robinson was questioned by some of the members of the legislature today but later they said he would not explain his reasons for declining to join the caucus.

However, they did not seem worried over the situation, believing that Robinson will come into the fold and saying that they have enough votes any way to elect Charles F. Chillingworth of Oahu as president and carry through their other plans.

Legislature Opens Tomorrow.
At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the upper and lower houses will convene in their respective chambers and organize for the session. Senator Stephen L. Desha of Hawaii and Representative Norman K. Lyman of the same island will have the honor of calling the bodies to order as temporary chairmen, under the rule that the senator and representative receiving the highest vote respectively in the first senatorial and first representative districts shall call the houses to order.

Governor to Read Message.
As soon as the houses are organized the governor will be notified and will then present his annual message. Governor Pinkham will read his message in person, arrangements having been made for the senate to meet jointly with the house in the chamber of the latter. It is expected that the organization of the houses will have been perfected early in the morning so that the governor will be able to present his message before noon.

Dozens of bills will be introduced on the opening days, a large number of which have been prepared under the direction of the Republican committee to carry out platform plans. Democrats Doing Little.

Although there is a healthy Democratic minority of seven in the upper house, Bourbon leaders said this morning that no caucus had been held and their plans had not been systematized. There has been some talk of naming James L. Coke for vice-president, but Coke personally prefers that the veteran Makekau should be given the place. Democrats will have important representation on the committees and so far there has been no indication that the majority and minority will clash in any serious way.

In the house the only Democrat is D. M. Kupieha and Henry L. Kawewehi is the lone Home Ruler. The others are Republicans.

House Caucus Smooth.
At the house caucus last night a practically unanimous vote conceded the choice of the following:

H. L. Holstein, speaker; J. H. Conney, vice-speaker; Edward Woodward, clerk; Louis K. Kekumano, assistant clerk.

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'SOUL-COLONY' FOR PALMYRA IS A POSSIBILITY

Judge Cooper Hears From Stu-
dents, Artists and Musicians
Who Seek Island Life

WILL MAKE TRIP TO
DOMAIN NEXT MONTH

With Party of Friends He Will
Sail Off to Visit Mid-
Sea Kingdom

I would like me away to some far-off
isle,
A dot in a lonely sea;
There to live my life in my own sweet
style.
Untroubled by Dame Grund-ee.

This, according to Judge Henry E. Cooper, owner of Palmyra islands, appears to be the sentiment of a large number of persons on the mainland—men of wealth and presumably intellect; students, scientists, artists, musicians, writers, and above all, philosophers—who are consumed with a yearning to abandon an aimless, heartless civilization and make their future earthly homes on Judge Cooper's romantic south sea domain, 1200 miles southwest of Honolulu.

The idea is one that has caught the Palmyra king's fancy and he declares he is giving it serious consideration. Letters by the score and hundred, from a number so great that if all the petitions were granted Palmyra would be infested by a dense population, have come to him from all parts of the United States, urging the creation in his south sea possessions of a unique colony, modeled somewhat after the fashion of the famous California resort, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Here they would have him assemble men and women weary of a mediocre world who should devote their days to study and the art of living.

These requests have come from persons apparently in all walks of life; one from a Chicago professor, another from an eastern scientist; one from a California writer, another from a student in the Middle West. Seemingly all have the best of references and qualifications, many apparently possess sufficient wealth to live the balance of their days in idle comfort—and all are smitten with the idea of quitting civilization's carking cares. Has its Appeal.

"It sounds somewhat wild and impractical, I'll admit," says Judge Cooper, "and as a financial enterprise it might not prove a sound investment. But the sentimental side of the thing rather appeals to me and I have slept many nights on the project."

"If a number of these highly educated, studious people could be assembled in a congenial colony the proposition would be highly attractive. They would build good homes at Palmyra. They could have communication by boat with Honolulu at least once in every two or three months and it might even be eventually possible to establish wireless and cable communication. The ships traversing the sea lanes between Honolulu and Australia pass within 30 or 40 miles of the islands."

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**SAN JOSE ARRIVES AT
ACAPULCO DISABLED
IN TOW OF CRUISER**

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless.]
ACAPULCO, Mexico, Feb. 16.—The Pacific Mail ship San Jose arrived here today with its engines disabled. It was in tow of the cruiser New Orleans.

**Berlin Official Ridicules
Report of Losses in Poland**

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 16.—Official—"The reported immense German losses in the recent fighting before Warsaw are absurd rumors. Our pursuit of the retreating Russians on the East Prussia frontier continues successfully. In the region of Warsaw we have occupied the important towns of Plock and Beilsk. Our losses are slight in comparison with the advantages gained. Despatches from Budapest say the Austro-Hungarian offensive in Dukla Pass is increasingly successful. The Russians have lost 50,000 in dead and wounded in the last few days."

Russia Building Military Railways

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 16.—Construction is being rushed night and day on the strategic railways from Warsaw to the Galician frontier. These railways are designed to give the Russian army mobility comparable to the German flexibility.

HIS ABILITY NEEDED IN BERLIN AT TIME OF COMMERCE CRISIS



James Watson Gerard, American ambassador to Germany. According to reports from The Hague, Ambassador Gerard has been invited by Kaiser Wilhelm to visit him for a conference. It is believed to be in connection with the international crises arising over the British use of neutral flags and the German plan to wage submarine war on the British merchantmen, thus endangering American vessels.

SUFFRAGE BILL UP TO VOTERS IN NEW JERSEY

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless.]
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 16.—The constitutional amendment providing for woman's suffrage passed the legislature today. The amendment will go before the voters in September.

WAGNER'S BODY BURIED AT COUNTY'S EXPENSE; RECALLS HOTEL TRAGEDY

Arthur W. Wagner, who shot and killed his former wife, Mrs. Charles A. Stewart, at the Seaside hotel January 21, 1914, and then committed suicide, has been buried at the county's expense after having lain in the embalming casket at Williams' undertaking parlors for more than a year.

While Mrs. Stewart sat in an automobile, Wagner pulled out a revolver and shot her. Then he shot himself. Williams took charge of the bodies. The remains of the woman were buried by relatives. Wagner was embalmed and his brother in Australia was notified.

The brother wrote back and asked what the cost of burial would be. This information was furnished him, but no more was heard. Williams held the body at his parlors until a couple of weeks ago when he buried it in the county plot. That was the longest period any corpse has been kept out of the ground in the history of the islands without the use of preservatives other than the embalming fluids.

AUTO AFIRE.
At 3 o'clock this afternoon an auto was reported afire on Ala Moana road and central station sent out apparatus on a hurry-up call.

CHANCELLOR AGAIN SHOWS GERMANY'S RESOLVE TO WAR ON BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS

SAYS SUBMARINES WILL ATTACK COMMERCE UNTIL
NEUTRALS FORCE ENGLAND TO ABANDON BLOCKADE—
DECLARES BRITISH MERCHANTMEN EQUIPPED WITH
GUNS—AMERICAN FIRM TURNS DOWN BIG WAR ORDER
FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 16.—The emphatic warning of the United States made in reply to the German proclamation of submarine warfare on merchant vessels is drawing a chorus of praise from the newspapers.

German Chancellor Sends Out Warning to All Neutral Ships

ROTTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 16.—Germany is determined to carry out her announced plans to begin on February 18 a submarine war on British commerce.

The chamber of commerce of this city has received a warning from the German chancellor, von Bethman-Hollweg, which is as follows:

"In most cases a submarine will be unable to distinguish between neutral and British merchantmen in the war zone.

"Germany cannot regard British merchantmen as unarmed or entitled to warning, because the merchantmen are now equipped with guns and large rewards have been offered to the first merchant vessel sinking a German submarine.

"Germany is resolved to pursue her course as announced until the pressure of the neutral nations forces England to abandon her blockade of foodstuffs consigned for civilian uses."

Russian Defeat in East Prussia Described in German Despatch

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 16.—The Vossische Zeitung's correspondent in East Prussia sends a graphic account of the latest Russian reverse. Eleven divisions were defeated, some of them being decimated, he writes. The German cavalry outflanked the Russians and cut their rear communications. A sharp frontal attack followed. In the first engagement 10,000 prisoners were taken, as well as 75 portable kitchens.

Britain Prepares to Retaliate For Germany's Submarine Warfare

LONDON, England, Feb. 16.—Even more stringent measures against foodstuffs destined for Germany, and retaliatory measures to be undertaken against the German submarine warfare on merchant ships, effective immediately, will probably be announced tonight or tomorrow.

Four U. S. Ships in German War Zone When Proclamation is in Effect

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Four American vessels are due to be in the war zone prescribed by Germany when the German proclamation becomes effective Thursday. A decisive test of Germany's attitude may be made immediately.

Scandinavian Nations Draft Protest on Germany's "War Zone"

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 16.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark are preparing a joint note to be sent to Germany concerning the rights of neutral shipping.

American Firm Refuses to Fill Big Order For Drop Forged Shells

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 16.—Because of humanitarian reasons, the Electro Steel Company has refused to fill a British order for \$4,000,000 worth of drop forged shells.

King Albert Reconnoiters in Air

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 16.—King Albert in an aeroplane went over the German lines on a reconnaissance trip last Saturday, it has been learned.

Only Artillery Duels on West

LONDON, England, Feb. 16.—The Paris and Berlin official bulletins today agree that there are only artillery duels on the western front.